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SUBJECT: ENERGY R&D SUB-GROUP

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AN AIDE-MEMOIRE
GIVEN TO US ON AUGUST 26 BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. WITH REGARD TO THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE JOINT BRAZIL-US GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY,
IT WOULD BE OF BRAZILIAN INTEREST IF TWO NEW ITEMS WERE
INCLUDED: BIOCONVERSION AND ENERGY CONSERVATION. ON
ANOTHER POINT, (THE GOB) AGREES TO THE INCLUSION OF THE
THEME RELATIVE TO ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS.

3. IN PRINCIPLE, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THE TERMS OF
REFERECNE PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY. IT IS
CONVENIENT, HOWEVER, TO NOTE THE BRAZILIAN UNDERSTANDING
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THAT THE INCLUSION OF ANY ITEM ON THE GROUP'S AGENDA UNDER

NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN PREJUDGE THE RESULT OF THE GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE THEME. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT DOES NOT SEEM NECESSARY TO THE BRAZILIAN SIDE TO ADVANCE CONSIDERATIONS AT THIS MOMENT ABOUT THE WAY ONE OR THE OTHER GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DEAL WITH ONE OR MORE POINTS OF THE PROGRAM.

4. THE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 17 SEEMS CONVENIENT FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY. END TEXT.

5. COMMENT. PARA 3, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED, IS DESIGNED TO MAKE CLEAR THE BRAZILIAN VIEW THAT THE AGENDA HEADING "OIL SHALE" IMPLY NO COMMITMENT BY THE BRAZILAN SIDE TO AVOID DISCUSSING US PARTICIPATION IN A DEMONSTRATION PLANT. THE GOB IS REACTING TIT-FOR-TAT TO OUR DESIRE THAT THE AGENDA ITEM NOT SIGNIFY ANY US WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A PLANT.
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